

SUPERVISORS

"Walk through" the job before you begin working

Through June 16, twelve fatal accidents have occurred at metal and nonmetal mining operations. Seven of these victims were **supervisors**. The majority of these accidents occurred while maintenance work was being performed. Mine operators need to ensure supervisors take a few minutes to discuss with their crew the activities they are about to perform. This discussion should include any potential hazards that might be encountered while performing the task and it should identify the procedures they will be using to get the job done safely.

- Before working on or near equipment, ensure that the equipment power circuits are locked out/tagged out and that the equipment is blocked against hazardous motion.
- Select tools, equipment, and supplies that are adequate for the job.
- Ensure that all personnel are positioned to prevent them from being exposed to any hazards.
- Ensure that everyone, **including supervisors**, are trained in safe work procedures before beginning work.

Safety is a value. It's about **all** miners knowing what it takes to work safely and return home safe and healthy at the end of every shift.